

REMARKS

1. **Status of Claims**

Claims 1-18 are pending.

Claims 1, 17, and 18 are independent claims.

II. **Amendment to Specification**

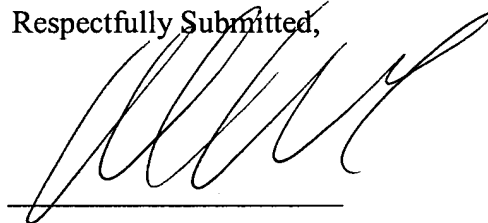
The amendment to the specification is to add PCT/US04/38235 filed December 8, 2004 to the application's priority chain.

The applicant encloses a substitute specification which complies with current regulatory formatting requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,

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